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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 9 Health Screening 2024/25

Health needs are assessed as children progress through their school life to promote early identification of health issues and offer intervention to help children meet their full potential. In Worcestershire screening takes place in Reception, Year 6, and **Year 9** as part of the Department of Health, National Healthy Child Programme.

### When will it start?

The Year 9 health screening sessions are due to start from January 2025 and continue until the end of the academic year.

### What is involved?

The School Nursing Team will offer all young people in Year 9 the opportunity to complete a confidential digital health questionnaire. The questionnaires generate instant 'pop up' public health messages offering advice and support. Young people will also be issued with a QR code to access a comprehensive list of local and national support networks corresponding to the questions they have been asked. Posters and flyers will also provide information about how additional support can be accessed.

Once completed, the questionnaires are reviewed and triaged by Specialist Public Health Nurses, and your child may be offered further confidential support from our service or other relevant providers.

A member of the team may also get in touch with you via phone or text, and/or speak to a member of staff at your child's school where necessary.

### What information will be shared with school?

After health screening has taken place, schools will be issued with anonymised data reports outlining the health demographics for the young people in Year 9 who completed a questionnaire. The report may identify health 'themes' which can be used to support health improvement plans and collaborative working to improve health outcomes.

[Do you have a communication or information support need?](#)

[If so, please contact the team so that those needs can be recorded and responded to.](#)

Our team may also share information about young people whose safety or the safety of others may be at risk.

### What do parents/carers need to do?

All parents and carers should click on the link provided below to create a Parent Portal account and register their child's details on the confidential School Screener Platform. This will ensure we have your correct contact details should we need to get in touch after your child has completed their questionnaire. We may contact you via the School Screener messaging function, by phone or via our 'Parent Line' text messaging service. If you already have an account there is no need to register again, however please update your contact details if your circumstances have changed.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Worcestershire/pr/HW336>

### Consent

Children under the age of 16 can consent to participate in completion of their health assessment providing they have sufficient mental capacity to understand what is involved. Children with learning disabilities and some mental health conditions may lack mental capacity, therefore an adult with parental responsibility would need to provide consent and support may need to be offered to complete the questionnaire. If you consider your child may require support, please get in touch to let us know.

**For more information, please make contact via our 'One Simple Number, 01905 520032'. Alternatively, you can contact us via our Parent Line on 07312 263547, which is a text service available Mon-Fri 9am-5pm excluding bank holidays.**

For more information about School Screener: [SchoolScreener | Child Health In-School | Used by School Nursing Teams](#)

For more information about School Screener on our website: [SchoolScreener | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](#)

For more information about the Starting Well Partnership: [Starting Well Partnership | Worcestershire | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](#)

Yours sincerely

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**Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018, we have a legal duty to protect any information we collect from you. Please be assured that all personal confidential information will**

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